

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,372-F)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)	
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Serial No.: 09/927,850)	Before the Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: August 10, 2001)	Group Art Unit: 1646
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For: Interferon-Like Molecules)	
and Uses Thereof)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 2:

This application is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/724,860, filed November 28, 2000. This application also claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/169,720, filed on December 8, 1999, the disclosure of which is explicitly incorporated by reference herein.

REMARKS

Applicants contend that no new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner direct any inquiries regarding this communication to the undersigned representative at 312-913-0001.